

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

7:00 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at its regularly scheduled meeting time on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at the hour of 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Boeglin, Summers, and Kays were present. Also present were Mayor Belcher and City Attorney Schneider. Members Majors and Sparrow were absent.

Mayor Belcher called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Boeglin and carried to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2011 meeting.

A motion was made by Boeglin, seconded by Summers and carried to approve the claims as presented.

Utilities Superintendent Traylor presented his monthly report.

Traylor presented specifications for review for a 40' by 80' storage building to be constructed at the 3rd Street lot. The specifications were reviewed and the proposed location was determined to be outside the floodplain. He estimated the buildings cost at approximately \$65,000. He noted the cost will be shared by the Electric, Water and Gas utilities.

A motion was made by Kays, seconded by Summers and carried to approve the specifications as presented for the 40' x 80' storage building to be erected at the 3rd Street lot outside the floodplain.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Kays and carried to set a public meeting to receive and open the bids for the building for 10:00 A.M. on March 10, 2011 in the Council Chambers of Huntingburg City Hall and appoint a committee of Tony Traylor, Thomas Dippel, Marvin Belcher and Phil Schneider to receive and open the bids.

Traylor presented a proposal from Utility Safety & Design, Inc. to assist in the pressure increase of the gas system from our current maximum of 30 psig to 40 psig to meet current demand. The proposal indicated that the work to be done will provide the City with greater flexibility in regards to serving the growing customer load in the gas system. The proposed cost of the assistance is \$9,700.00.

A motion was made by Kays, seconded by Summers and carried to accept the estimate of USDI to assist in the gas system up-rating as proposed above in the amount of \$9,700.00.

Traylor presented quotes for electric dual voltage transformers; 10, 37.5 KVA, 120/240 and 5, 50 KVA, 120/240. The low quote was from Solomon Corporation for remanufactured units in the total amount of \$17,975.00. Traylor recommended the low quote above.

A motion was made by Kays, seconded by Summers and carried to approve the purchase of the dual voltage transformers as noted above in the amount of \$17,975.00 from Solomon Corporation for remanufactured units.

Attorney Schneider explained two proposed agreements between the Huntingburg Gas Utility and INDOT. The first is a highway utility agreement where the State would pay for the relocation of the gas main and regulator station removal at HWY 56 in Ireland. The State would pay \$48,955.93 toward this work.

The second agreement is a subordination agreement between the Huntingburg Gas Utility and INDOT at HWY 56 in Ireland where the Huntingburg Gas Utility agrees that its rights connected with the real estate interest in the property shall be subordinate to the rights to be held by the State to the extent the that the Utility's exercise of its rights

interferes with the State's construction, maintenance, improvement and/or operation for highway purposes.

A motion was made by Boeglin, seconded by Kays and carried to approve both agreements between the Huntingburg Gas Utility and Indiana Department of Transportation as presented and noted above for reimbursement for gas main relocation and regulator station removal and for the subordination agreement.

Attorney Schneider presented a revised proposed ordinance dealing with electric contractors working in the City. He noted that the ordinance now contains a provision that the contractors have at least \$1,000,000.00 in liability insurance. He noted the ordinance also provides for penalties for non-compliance.

A motion was made by Kays, seconded by Boeglin and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2011-08 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 113 OF THE HUNTINGBURG
MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING REGULATIONS FOR ELECTRICAL
CONTRACTORS OPERATING IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA**

Traylor noted that the water quality in City Lake is decreasing and that is turning over multiple times in a year. He indicated that he met with representatives of multiple State agencies about the problem and possible financing for dredging the lake. He noted that DNR may possibly bring their Hydro-acoustic boat to map our lake floor in late spring or early summer. Traylor requested permission to get quotes for the preliminary engineering study that would be required for dredging the lake.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Kays and carried to approve seeking quotes for a preliminary engineering study for the possible dredging of the City Lake.

Traylor requested permission to hire a part-time employee earlier this year due to the fact that the student is off from school early and that GIS work needs to be done. He noted the part-time employee has worked for the City for several years.

A motion was made by Kays, seconded by Boeglin and carried to approve the hiring of a part-time employee in the Utility department.

Attorney Schneider summarized a proposed ordinance that would amend several chapters in the Huntingburg municipal code. The codes deal with litter, grass clippings, street signs, and exterior maintenance and the penalties associated with them.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Boeglin and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2011-09 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 34 OF THE HUNTINGBURG
MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR A SCHEDULE OF CIVIL PENALTIES
FOR CERTAIN ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS**

Mayor Belcher opened the public hearing on the proposed wastewater rate increase; introduced ordinance No. 2011-04. He introduced Buzz Krohn of O.W. Krohn and Associates, the City's rate advisor. Krohn presented a history of the wastewater project and the reasons for the proposed rate increase and pro-forma financial statements. He noted that the Board of Public Works and Safety and the Utility Rate Advisory Board have recommended an 11% rate increase to the Council.

The Mayor asked if there were any comments from the public on the on the wastewater rate increase.

John Burgdorf asked about seepage into the sewer lines and that a bunch of money was spent. He also asked if the lines were leaking again.

Mayor Belcher indicated that the City slip-lines approximately 1500 ft a year but the City has about 20 miles of sewer lines and they cannot all be done at once. He noted that he plans to slip-line several lines this year if the Council approves the additional appropriation currently set for public hearing on March 3, 2011. Belcher also indicated that the ordinance requiring an inspection of sewer laterals and certification that they have been looked at has helped in the inflow and infiltration battle.

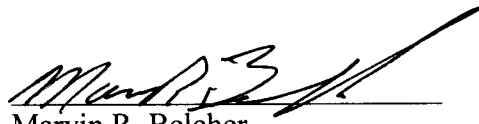
Glen Kissling asked if the City has in their ordinance an outside the City sewer rate. Belcher indicated that the City did not have such a rate and that would require a study showing it is more expensive to provide the service outside the City limits.

There were questions on the rate comparisons of other cities. Krohn indicted that each city or town is unique in their rate structure.

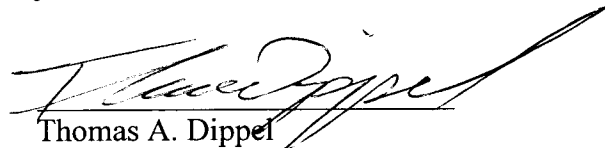
The public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Kays, seconded by Boeglin and carried to table the consideration for adoption of proposed ordinance No. 2011-04 considering an 11% rate increase until the full Council is present.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Summers, seconded by Kays and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 o'clock P.M.



Marvin R. Belcher
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer